

TRANSIT MIGRATION: IMPACT AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT

Side-Event at the International Migration Review Forum

Tuesday 17th May 2022
8:30 – 9:30 AM (EST-NYC) 2:30-3:30 PM (Geneva)
Virtual Side Event

Background

In 2022, nearly four years after the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), governments, stakeholders and the United Nations system will meet to discuss the successes and challenges of implementing this landmark cooperative framework. The first International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) is being held under the auspices of the General Assembly, chaired by the President of the General Assembly, at the United Nations (UN) Headquarters in New York from 17-20 May 2022, with a preparatory stakeholder hearing taking place on 16 May.

A series of IMRF side-events will be organized in the margins of the IMRF. They will provide an opportunity to discuss good practices, challenges and recommendations to further the implementation of the GCM. Side-events will take place on 16-20 May 2022.

Description of the Side-event

Policy discussions on migration and development focus mostly on host and origin countries. Migrants, however, travel through corridors spanning several countries in their journey, and many migrants remain in the countries they cross for years or never make it to their planned destination at all. While the GCM refers to transit migration, its objectives seldom explicitly account for its implications for the development of communities.

On one hand, transit migration can be risky because it may involve irregular and unsafe routes, as well as smuggling networks. As migrants do not plan to stay long in their temporary hosting locations, local governments often do not prioritize their wellness or protection. Communities dealing with transit migration are moreover often unable to accommodate the demands required to do so. On the other hand, transit migration generates positive spillovers on the local economy, creating opportunities for jobs and income-generation.

The complex nature of transit migration, where security, protection and development dimensions meet, makes the best course for policy unclear for local communities, governments and international co-operation.

This side event aims to discuss the impact and implications of transit migration on municipalities and communities in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs); and connect the growing policy relevance of transit migration in LMICs to the discussions on the implementation of the GCM. It will also contribute to an on-going study on transit migration managed by the OECD, UNDP and KNOMAD/World Bank, to be presented by the end of 2022.

Format

Online Side Event

Interpretation will be provided in Spanish and French.

Register [here](#)

Agenda

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5 minutes	<p>Opening Remarks Federico Bonaglia, Deputy Director OECD Development Centre</p>
40 minutes	<p>Panel discussion Panel discussion with representatives of governments and organizations in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) dealing with transit migration to discuss its impact and implications and connect the growing policy relevance of transit migration in LMICs to the discussions on the implementation of the GCM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Gloria Portillo, Deputy Mayor of Esquipulas (Guatemala) • Mr. Nouffou Ouédraogo, President of ARSI-World Organization (Burkina Faso) • Ms. Rocío González Higuera, Head of the Migration Policy Unit, Registry and Identity of Persons of the Ministry of the Interior (Mexico) <p>Moderator: UNDP</p>
10 minutes	<p>Discussion / Q&A Moderator: UNDP</p>
5 minutes	<p>Closing Remarks Moderator: KNOMAD-World Bank</p>